



# Shanghai Municipal Council.

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Sir,

Previous to the first revolution the Chinese Tramway Co had permission to lay rails as far as the Arsenal. Owing to the military importance assumed by that institution at the time mentioned, the permission was withdrawn, and the rails which were to be used for that purpose were left on the company's hands. The manager of the Company is now reported to have obtained the sanction of the City Authorities to lay a line from the Small East Gate to the West Gate through the City in order to utilise these rails. This project is not regarded with favour by many of the City residents. At 3 p.m. 14th instant a meeting, attended by seventy eight members of the City gentry and merchants was held in the City temple with a view to opposing the innovation. After speeches had been made pointing out the disadvantages of the scheme from a public point of view, the matter was put to a vote and it was unanimously decided to oppose it. The meeting was presided over by a silk merchant named Ong Zung Zen 袁錦臣. The latter and five others were selected to wait on the manager of the Tramway Co and request him to abandon his scheme for the sake of public benefit.

Your Obedient Servant,

W. W. Musting

Chief Detective Inspector.

Captain Superintendent of Police.

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Secretary C. I. D.